

and I would urge the adoption of the amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Landis. Senator Chambers, on the Landis amendment.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, I'm very liberal in my view relative to the issue of germaneness. I don't even know what Senator Landis' amendment does so I would ask him to...all I really understood was you want these veterans' organizations recognized?

SENATOR LANDIS: That is the substance of LB 241. That is the most significant element, yes. There are also provisions in the amendment that link it to the terms of this bill that Senator Lynch has on handicapped parking for several reasons. County veterans service officers assist paralyzed veterans in getting handicapped designations. They were part of the original lobbying force for the handicapped parking vets. Why I chose this bill to append basically the terms of LB 241, Senator Chambers, that was the recognition of three veterans' organizations as part of the veterans council and that council is used to basically distribute or advise in the distribution of resources to veterans.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you. Mr. Speaker, because LB 632 purports to create a new crime and this amendment has nothing to do with that whatsoever, I'm challenging the germaneness of it.

SPEAKER BAACK: Senator Chambers. Senator Landis, would you like to respond to that, please.

SENATOR LANDIS: I understand the challenge for germaneness and I think Senator Chambers objects to the basic bill itself as I recall and does not like LB 632. I'm prepared to live with the fate of 632. If you'll take a look at the amendment, Senator Baack, on page 1986, it says the Legislature recognizes paralyzed veterans and other veterans advocates who were instrumental in enactment of the law related to handicapped parking infractions through an ongoing effort to curtail handicapped parking abuses. The Legislature therefore urges the Department of Veterans Affairs to utilize existing resources toward encouraging recognized veterans organizations to cooperate in achieving the objectives of such law. I think those provisions make the amendment germane. It's true that the basic purpose of the amendment is to achieve the objectives of